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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN MIN. OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

SPEAKS IN SWAZILAND

1. SUMMARY. IN A SPEECH AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SWAZILAND INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR ON AUGUST 30, TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN MALECELA ISSUED A PUBLIC WARNING TO IAN SMITH AND HIS "HENCHMEN" TO CEASE THEIR DELAYING TACTICS. OTHERWISE, HE SAID, THE LIBERATION WAR IN ZIMBABWE WOULD RECOMMENCE AND AFRICA WILL WIN. END SUMMARY.

2. ON AUGUST 30, TANZANIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOHN MALECELA GAVE THE OFFICIAL OPENING SPEECH AT THE SWAZILAND INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR IN MANZINI. THE OPENING CEREMONIES WERE ATTENDED BY ABOUT 5,000 PEOPLE, INCLUDING GOS PRIME MINISTER PRINCE MAKOSINI AND MINISTER OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION PRINCE MASITSELA. MALECELA WAS INTRODUCED BY SWAZILAND'S MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, MINES & TOURISM, S.S. NXUMALO. IN HIS REMARKS, NXUMALO GAVE A SPECIWL UNCLASSIFIED

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INTRODUCTION TO THE MOZAMBIQUE REP, AND SAID THAT

SWAZILAND WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING A REPRESENTATIVE FROM ZIMBABWE NEXT YEAR. HE SAID THAT THE SWAZI NATION HAD BEEN ABLE TO SURVIVE RECENT INVASIONS BY "TRIBES" OF AFRICAANERS, ENGLISH AND PORTUGUESE BECAUSE OF THE UNITY OF THE SWAZI PEOPLE AND THE WISE LEADERSHIP OF THE SWAZI MONARCHY. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED SWAZILAND'S BELIEF THAT HUMANITY IS ONE AND THE GOS POLICY OF ALLOWING ALL RACES TO LIVE IN PEACE.

". THE MAIN THEME OF MALECELA'S STATEMENT WAS AFRICA'S IRREVOCABLE COMMITMENT TO THE ELIMINATION OF COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID IN SOUTHER AFRICA, PEACEFULLY IF POSSIBLE, BUT BY FIGHTING IF NECESSARY. DURING THE COURSE OF HIS SPEECH, HE MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. "THE SUCCESS OF THIS INTERNATIONAL FAIR IS ALSO A GREAT CHALLENGE TO THE FASCIST AND RACIST REGIMES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, FOR THE FAIR IS PART AND PARCEL OF THE ENLIGHTENED AND DYNAMIC POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF

SWAZILANDD TO CONTROL ITS ECONOMY AND DIRECT ITS COURSE."

B. "WE DO NOT INTEND TO DRIVE THE WHITE MAN INTO THE OCEAN, BUT IT IS CERTAINLY OUR INTENTION WITHIN OUR LIFETIME, TO LIVE AS HIS EQUAL."

C. " IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT BOTH OUR ENEMIES AND FRIENDS, COMRADES AND FOES ALIKE UNDERSTAND OUR OBJECTIVES WITH REGARD TO SOUTHER AFRICA."

D. WE ARE IRREVOCABLY COMMITTED TO THE TOTAL LIQUIDATION OF BOTH APARTHEID AND COLONIALISM."

E. "WE IN TANZANIA TEND TO THINK THAT THIS TIME MAYBE VORSTER IS SERIOUS WHEN HE SAYS HE WANTS A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF RHODESIA. SOUTH AFRICA REALIZES THAT IT IS IN THE LONG-TERM INTEREST OF SOUTH AFRICA THAT RHODESIA ISSUE BE SOLVED PEACEFULLY. THIS, HOWEVER, CANNOT BE SAID OF IAN SMITH AND HIS HENCHMEN.

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IAN SMITH IS STILL WORKING UNDER THE MISTAKEN BELIEF THAT HE AND A GROUP OF A FEW FANATICAL WHITES CAN HOLD BACK THE TIDE OF AFRICAN NATIONALISM. LIE THE OSTRICH, THEIR HEADS ARE STILL BURIED IN THE SAND OF FIGHTING AGAINST SO-CALLED COMMUNISM. THEY THINK THEY CAN HOLD ON, YES THEY THINK HEY CAN HANG ON TO SUCH A SYSTEM AT LEAST IN THEIR LIFETIME. THEY ARE MISTAKEN, TOTALLY MISTAKEN.

AFRICA WILL NOT GIVE THEM TIME."

F. "IF...THESE WARNINGS ARE NOT HEEDDED AND SMITH
CONTINUES HIS DELAYING TACTICS, THEN THE WAR MUST START."

G. "...AND IT WILL NOT BE LONG BEFORE THE AFRICAN
PEOPLE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA LIQUIDATE APARTHEID
AND CREATE INSTEAD A STATE BASED ON EQUALITY, JUSTICE
AND RESPECT OF HUMAN DIGNITY."

H. IN ADDITION TO HIS REMARKS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA,
MALECELA ALSO CRITICIZED PRESENT INTERNATIONAL TRADING
SYSTEM, WHICH HE SAID IS STILL DOMINATED BY RICH AND
INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS AND DESIGNED TO SERVE THEM AT THE
EXPENSE OF DEVELOPING NATIONS.

5. COMMENT:

A. AT LEAST ONE SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS BROADCAST ON
AUGUST 31 CITED MALECELA'S FAVORABLE REFERENCE TO PM
VORSTER BUT MADE NO MENTION OF HIS CRITICISM OF SMITH
AND APARTHEID.

B. OFFICIAL TEXT OF MALECELA'S STATEMENT, WHICH
DIFFERS SLIGHTLY FROM THE VERSION HE DELIVERED, BEING
FOURNISHED TO ALL ADDRESSEES.

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